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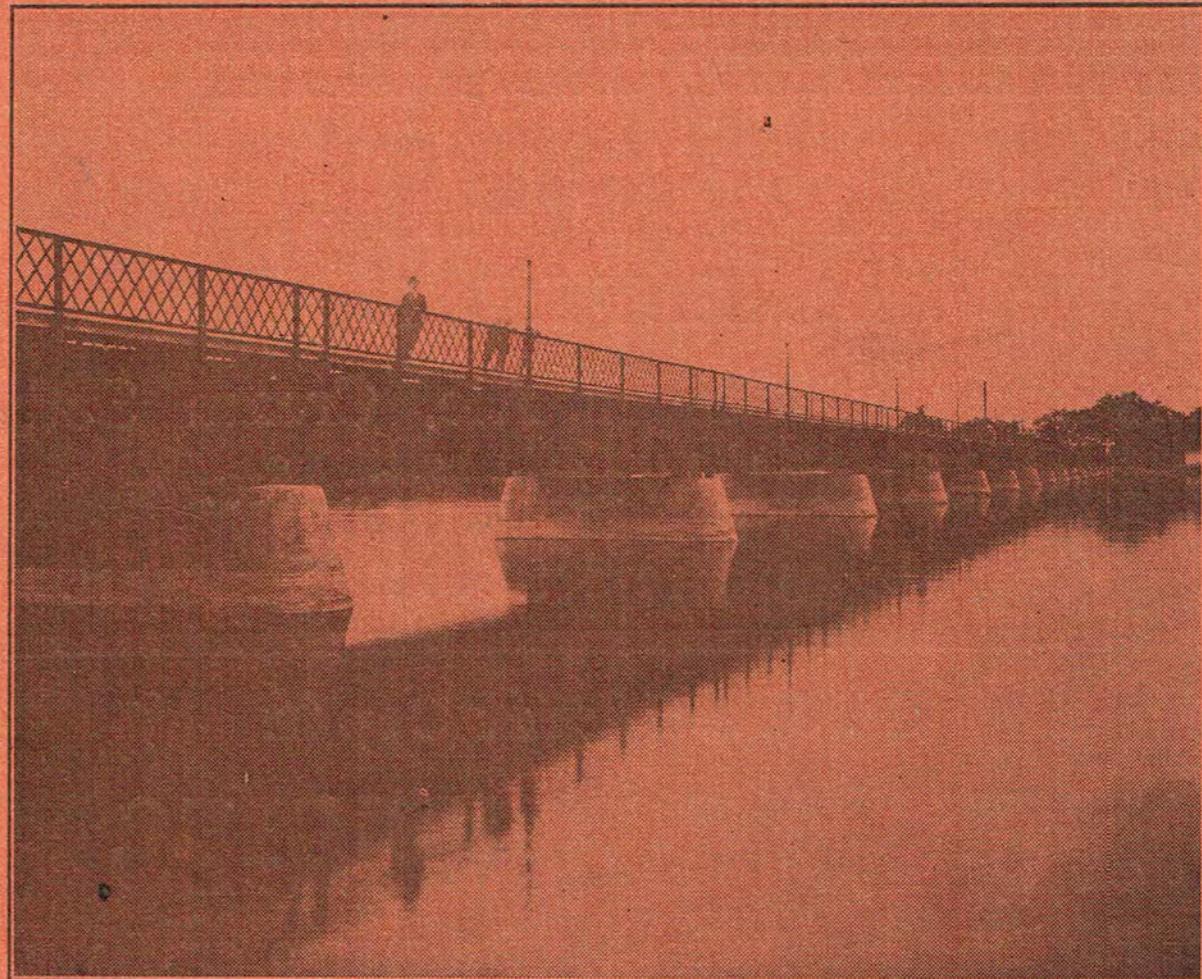
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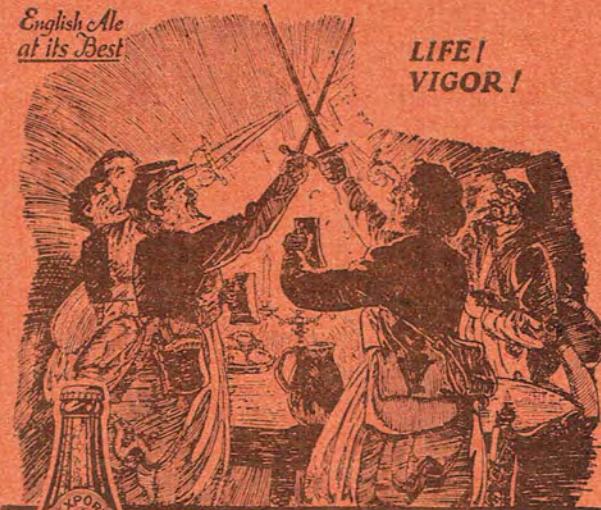
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The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., July 17th, 1924.

With the Permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.

From June 14th to June 29th, the Cavalry Units from M.D. No. 4 and M.D. No. 5, carried out their annual training at St. Johns. The camp was situated on the banks of the Richelieu River on the south of the Cavalry Barracks. The camp was run on the lines of a School of Instruction to enable Officers and other ranks to qualify for their various ranks. For this purpose the personnel of the camp was divided into two syndicates—Senior Group and Junior Group. Officers attending for a brush up and those taking the Field Officers' and Captains' Course, were allotted to the Senior Group, Lieutenants and N.C.O.'s formed the Junior Group.

Although the strength of the units was numerically small much good work was carried out and towards the close of the camp four of the units were amalgamated to form a regiment so as to give the senior officers an opportunity to act as regimental commanders. On June 27th the whole camp turned out on an Advance Guard and Outpost Scheme; this advanced work was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks and was a change from the ordinary routine on the field.

Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., addressed the Camp "en masse" and in a few well chosen words expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with the work performed and the general conduct and esprit de corps shown by all ranks. The showing made by the troops was most creditable. They seemed to acquire the military air from their close association with the members of "A" Sqn. R.C.D., the effect of witnessing the marvellous evolutions performed by the demonstration troop in charge of S.S.M. Smith seemed to give them an additional incentive to improve themselves. It was not all work, there was every opportunity for sport, the Recreation Field was at their disposal every evening for football

and baseball, and one evening a dance was held in the Gymnasium which was attended by a large number, the music being furnished by the Barracks Orchestra. Their appearance on parade was more like that of seasoned veterans than militia, the marching improved wonderfully and their behaviour when off parade was always orderly and gentlemanly.

The Dominion of Canada celebrated its fifty-seventh birthday on July 1st. Confederation like a magic wand transformed this country of ours from a collection of disunited Provinces, distracted by internal discord and hampered by the narrow vision of its people into a commonwealth of vast extent and limitless in its possibilities. We have within the Empire all the elements of power, all the essentials for prosperity, all the factors for a righteous citizenship. If, remembering the past, we go forward cheerfully, there is no limits to the greatness of our achievements, but, if we neglect the lesson of History we shall store up for ourselves future hours of sure repenting. Dominion Day should, therefore, recall to us the vision of the statesmen who made Confederation possible, the heroic sacrifices in peace and in war of those who have given their strength and their lives in the service of Canada. And the last is the greatest:

"Five great intellectual professions have hitherto existed in every civilized nation: the Soldier's, to defend it; the Pastor's, to teach it; the Physician's, to keep it in health; the Lawyer's, to enforce justice; and the Merchants, to provide; and all these men, on due occasion, to die for it."—John Ruskin.

With reference to the competition of biscuit and pastry making, announced in last month's issue by Messrs. Stewart, Denault & Co. the following are the principal

points to be observed:—

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**NOTICE.**

We have on hand a few of the following numbers of "The Goat" containing articles of regimental and historical interest:—Vol. I., Nos. 4, 5 and 6, The Historic Richelieu Valley, (Illustrated) by Major the Rev. A. H. Moore, M.A.

Vol. I., No. 9, Unveiling of Memorial Tablet, Amiens, France (Illustrated).

Vol. I., No. 10, Standards and Guidons, by Edward Fraser (Illustrated with the Regimental Colours).

Vol. I., Nos. 11 and 12, Vol. II., Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Notes from the Official War Diary, R.C.D.

Subscribers wishing to obtain any of the above Numbers may do so on application to the Editor.

During service at a coloured Baptist Church, enthusiasm and spiritual fervor were at high tide: "Eberybody dat wants to go to Hebben stan' up," shouted the exhorter. With one accord every negro in the Church, except one, leaped to his feet: The preacher singled out the recalcitrant one for spiritual admonition. "Look heah," he began, "Does ah understand dat yo' wants to go to Hell?" "No, Sah," explained the backslider, "but ah done been baptised in de Mefodis Church." "Lan' sakes, man," corrected the minister, "you ain't been baptised, youse jes' been dry cleaned."

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Trooper H. Mercier, after nearly four and a half years services with "A" Sqn. has purchased his discharge and embarked on the troubled seas of Civilian life. Mercier, while with us, developed into a first rate athlete, having a place on the hockey and baseball teams; he was a good pitcher and often pulled his team out of a tight corner. He also won the Annual Inter-Troop Road Race Trophy in 1922 and 1923. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

Lt. & Bt. Capt. S. C. Bate has transferred to the Royal Canadian Dragoons from the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Capt. M. Drury and Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, R.C.D., have left for Ottawa, Ont., on instructional work at the Canadian Small Arms School, Connaught Ranges.

Sgt. Instr. G. C. Hopkinson is at present leading a life of enforced bachelorhood. Mrs. Hopkinson and her mother Mde. Cazein, sailed on board the "Minnedosa" for Cherbourg, France, on June 25th, on their way to that popular resort of the "War days," Tully. "Bon Voyage."

Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of the General Staff, paid a flying visit to the Camp on Saturday, June 21st. He arrived on a Vickers machine about 8.30 a.m., inspected the different Units at work in the field and afterwards visited the Camp lines; and incidentally renewed acquaintance with some of the old N.C.O.'s of the Regiment, who were glad to see him.

Lt. Col. J. A. McMillan, D.S.O. (Knowlton, Que.) was an interested spectator at the Camp Sports on June 26th.

Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., Sgt. T. B. Sheehy, and Cpl. J. E. Lacerte are slated to attend the C.S.A.S. at Connaught Ranges, at the end of the month, for a course of instruction. Sgt. Sheehy will take Course No. 15—Vickers Machine Gun and Revolver. Capt. Grant and Cpl. Lacerte will take Course No. 14—Rifle, Bayonet, Light Gun and Revolver. We wish them the best of luck and hope they will not suffer indigestion from an over diet of "Bulls-eye Pudding" and other Musketry dishes as supplied by the Caterer. Furthermore, we recommend them to the tender mercies of Capt. "Pop" Cox, Sgt. Instr. J. M. Hallett.

Edwards, M.C., when it comes to their turn to dash madly around the Tin Ring Course with—Accuracy—Energy—Control.

Sgt. F. P. Hanaghan (Cook Sgt.) purchased his discharge on June 22nd. He has been with "A" Sqn. since he took on in May 1920. Previous to this, he served with the Imperial Forces—Royal Army Service Corps from Nov. 1st 1902 to Oct. 10th, 1915; The 5th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards from May 1916 until the time of the "big push," when he was transferred to the South Wales Borderers with whom he served until April 1919; he was also with the Royal Fusiliars from June 1919 to Dec. 1919, when he was discharged. Sgt. Hanaghan is one of the "Old Contemptibles" and a fine type of the British Army. He leaves St. Johns with the best wishes of all ranks, for his future welfare.

Trooper Dave Gardner has now taken over the arduous duties of "Bobagee," with the rank of Acting Sergeant. There are "No Complaints."

Lt. Col. Geoffrey Brooke, D.S.O., Chief Instructor of the Cavalry Wing at the Equitation School, Weedon, Captain of the English Team at the Olympia Horse Show, accomplished a clear round in jumping over the course, on Daddy Longlegs. He also rode the same horse in the competition for the Prince of Wales Cup, won by England, with Italy, U.S.A., France and Switzerland following.

Cpl. A. Reeves leaves for Camp Borden on July 21st to take Course "B", V.T. at the School of Signals. The course terminates on August 30th.

Trooper (Shoeing Smith) "Jock" Wright has handed in his charge. "Jock" joined the regiment, having purchased his dismount in December 1913, served overseas with "A" Sqn. and was discharged on August 1st, 1919. He rejoined the R.C.D. in February 1922 and said good-bye on July 12th. Dame Rumour has it that "Jock" intends going to the States for the purpose of joining the "Benedicti." We wish him luck and hope all his troubles may be "Little Ones."

The following N.C.O. Instructors of the R.C.D. are employed at the Canadian Small Arms School: Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, S.S.M.I. H. E. Karcher, M.M., Sgt. Instr. F. Cox, Sgt. Instr. J. M. Hallett.

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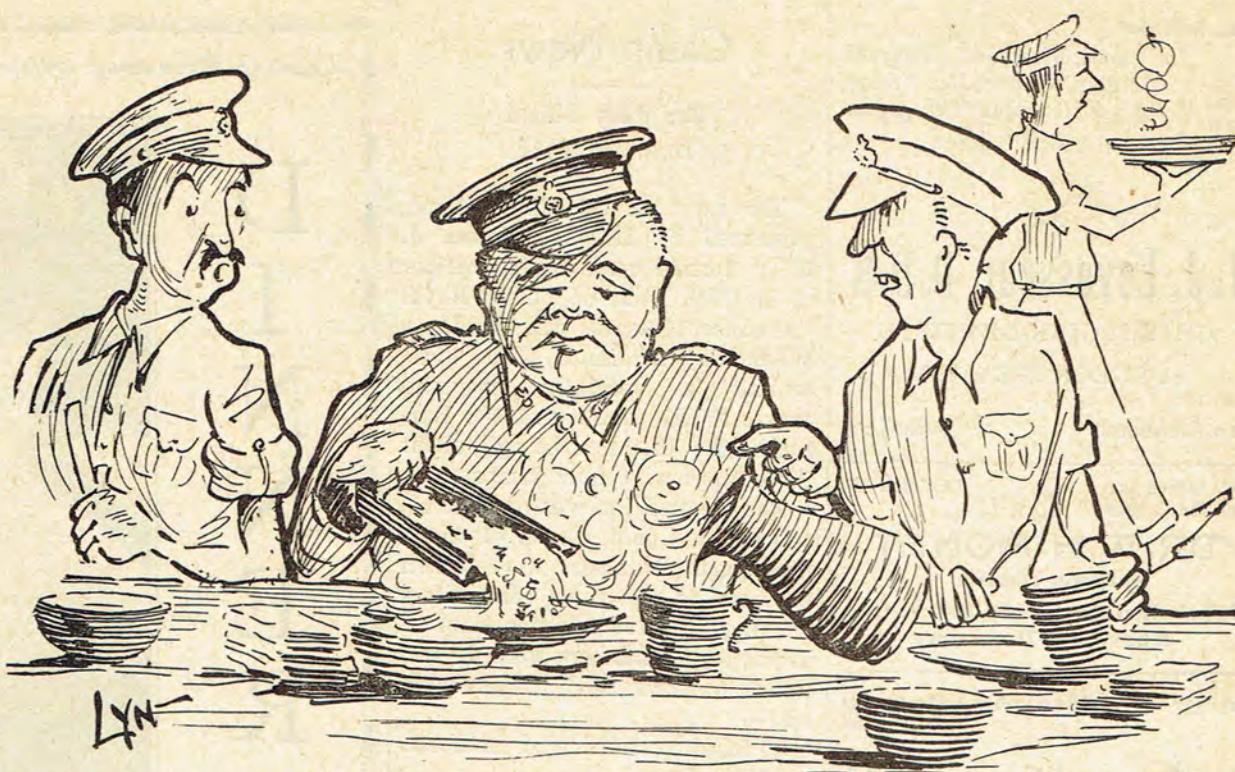
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There Were the Usual Complaints

### Here and There.

For this year's Bisley, new and smaller targets were used, the bullseye at 200 yards being reduced from 8 to 6 inches and the bullseye at the 500 yards range from 20 to 18 inches. These new targets were used to reduce materially the number of ties which have been such a notable feature of the Bisley meetings.

The King's Medal for the best shot in the Army at home, was won after a great shoot under excellent conditions by C.S.M.I. Churcher, of the Small Arms School with a total score of 164, in a possible 200. Churcher also captured the Army Championship. Enthusiastic scenes followed his achievement. He was carried in a chair from the range to the N.R.A. offices with a band playing. C.S.M. Strickland, also of the Small Arms School, was second with a score of 162, the same position he attained last year in this match, when it was won by Sgt. C. Mapp, Small Arms School.

Last year His Majesty the King approved of the grant of six medals to be awarded annually to the Champion Shots, respectively, of the Military Forces at Home and of the Military Forces of India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The solicitude for brute beasts, as instanced in the Wembley Rodeo controversy, occasionally peeps out in lowlier spheres.

There is the story of the prisoner who fed a rat in his cell and told the visiting Padre how he loved the creature. The Padre beamed, and explanation followed: "You see, sir," said the prisoner, "it bit the Sergeant Major."

A Dublin correspondent writes that the Abbey Theatre is specialising in drama in Yiddish all this week. He remarks that it is asserted in Dublin that in another few years the only language spoken in Dublin will be Yiddish and Gaelic.

In a list of eleven books issued recently by one publisher, the following titles find a place: "Souls of Fire", "Damned", "The Devil's Chaplain", "A Limb of Satan", and "Flaming Youth." Quite a heat wave in Fiction.

Recently, a man charged with drunkenness, first offence, pleaded that it came on to rain and he took refuge in a saloon. His beverage was not specified, but it may have been a case of any port in a storm.

Who was the N.C.O., acting as centre guide, in the demonstration troop during camp, on receiving the order to mount, discovered he was minus a rifle bucket?

The Prince of Wales' Cup won by the English Team in the International Jumping Contest at the Olympia Horse Show, was presented to replace King Edward's Gold Cup, which the Russians won outright in 1914, and which was lost in the Bolshevik upheaval in

that country. Sweden carried off the Prince of Wales Cup at the first time of asking in 1920, and England successful in 1921 and 1922, had only to win it again to make it the property of our Army. But Italy were the holders, and this year they put in a side which jumped well and was quite good enough to retain the cup. That honour, however, was denied them, as the English side rose to the occasion, and won a grim contest, a result which provoked an unprecedented scene of enthusiasm.

During the past month an impromptu dance has been held in the Gymnasium every Wednesday evening, after the baseball game. Quite a good crowd attends and in spite of the tropical weather everyone thoroughly enjoys it. The music is furnished by the Barracks Orchestra. At the close of a Fox Trot last Wednesday evening, S/Sgt. "Nobby" Ellis, who manipulates the drums, was heard to remark, "Lummy, that's funny; I've got another page to play."

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**Camp News.****The Riley Shield  
(Despatch Ride)**

The race for the Riley Shield, presented by Lt. Col. James J. Riley, former commanding officer of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, was held on Wednesday afternoon, June 25th, around a specially prepared course in the vicinity of the Barracks, the distance being about three miles with four jumps.

The competition was open to all officers in Camp, eleven of whom took part. Numbers were drawn previous to the race, competitors starting at three minutes interval in the order numbers were drawn. Points were awarded at the finish, viz.—

- 50 for the condition of the horse.
- 20 for jumping.
- 30 for covering the course in best time.

A deduction of 5 points to be made for every minute or fraction thereof behind the best time.

The race was witnessed by a large number of spectators from the old ramparts and each competitor was loudly cheered as he passed by. Shortly after the last rider arrived at the post the judges announced the result:—

First—Capt. M. Drury, R.C.D., on "Jazzette", 90 points.

Second—Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., R.C.D., on "Teddy", 85 points.

Third—Maj. R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., R.C.D., on "Peg-Leg", 80 points.

The other competitors in order of merit were:—Major Brady, M.C., 11th Hrs., 75 points; Capt. Miller, E.T.M.R., 75; Major H. Stethem, R.C.D., 70; Capt. Todd, 17th D.Y.R.C.H., 65; Capt. E. B. LeBlanc, R.C.D., 65; Capt. Johnson, 17th D.Y.R.C.H., 65; Major Wade, 17th D.Y.R.C.H., 60.

Lt.-Col. Hooker, 17th D.Y.R.C.H., did not finish owing to his horse coming down and injuring its rider's knee.

The winner of this event last year, was Capt. Johnson, 17th D.Y.R.C.H.

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Trials to take place in the open, at Camp or Camp Schools of Instruction. Regulation saddles, bridles and bits to be used. Dress Drill order without swords.

Points to be deducted as follows:—

- Touch behind— $\frac{1}{4}$  point.
- Touch front— $\frac{1}{2}$  point.
- Knock down behind—1 point.
- Knock down front—2 points.
- 1st refusal at any one jump—2 points.

2nd refusal—2 points.

3rd refusal—Eliminated.

Fall, horse or man—Eliminated.

The 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars was the only Regiment in camp to enter a team for this competition. It was composed of:—

Col. L. McM. Hooker, who obtained 78 $\frac{1}{4}$  points.

Capt. R. N. Todd, 75 $\frac{1}{2}$  points.

Capt. H. W. Johnston, 73 points.

Lt. D. H. Bradford, 77 $\frac{3}{4}$  points.

**CAMP SPORTS.**

By the kind permission of Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Thursday afternoon, June 26th, the troops in camp staged a field day. The weather was glorious and quite a large crowd of spectators showed their appreciation of the efforts of the competitors in each and every event, by loud applause. Each event was well contested with a keen and friendly rivalry, additional zest being added through the kindness of Capt. Drinkwater (R.O.) 17th D.Y.R.C.H., in presenting a beautiful silver cup to become the property of the competitor gaining the highest aggregate points during the day.

The following are the events and winners:—

Wrestling on horseback, 11th Hussars vs. E.T.M.R.—11th Hussars won by default, the E.T.M.R. being unable to find a team.

11th Hussars vs. 13th S.L.D.—Won by the 11th Hussars.

7th Hussars vs. 17th D.Y.R.C.H.—Won by the 7th Hussars.

Alarm Race—Won by R.S.M. E. Breton, 7th Hussars.

Final Wrestling on horseback, 7th Hussars vs. 11th Hussars—

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June 14th to June 29th.

The strength of the various Units in Camp was as follows:

	Officers	Other Ranks	Total	Horses
7th Hussars . . . . .	9	36	44	30
11th Hussars . . . . .	6	28	34	28
13th S.L.D. . . . .	9	41	50	33
17th D.Y.R.C.H. . . . .	10	41	51	32
E. T. M. R. . . . .	7	38	45	36
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The Camp Staff was composed of as follows:—Camp Commandant, Bri. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.; Chief Instructor,

Won by the 7th Hussars.

Three-legged Race—1st, Capt. Todd and Lieut. Buzzell; 2nd, Tprs. Emond and Fowler.

100 yards—1st, Lt. Buzzell, E. T.M.R.; 2nd, R.S.M. H. Fortin, 13th S.L.D.; 3rd, Sgt. Brown, E. T.M.R.

Relay Race, 4 men team—1st, E.T.M.R.; 2nd, 7th Hussars; 3rd, 13th S.L.D.

Broad Jump—1st, Lieut. Buzzell, distance 22 feet.

High Jump—1st, Golphin, 17th D.Y.R.C.H., height 4 ft. 10 ins.; 2nd, Lt. Buzzell, E.T.M.R.; 3rd, S. M. Fortin, 13th S.L.D.

Tug of War—7th Hussars vs. 11th Hussars—Won easily by 7th Hussars.

Tug of War—13th S.L.D. vs. E. T.M.R.—Won by 13th S.L.D.

Tug of War—7th Hussars vs. 17th D.Y.R.C.H.—Won by 7th Hussars.

Putting the Shot (24 lbs.)—1st, Lieut. Buzzell, E.T.M.R., distance 25 ft. 11 ins.; 2nd, Lieut. McAuley, 7th Hussars; 3rd, S.M. Breton, 7th Hussars.

Half Mile Race—1st, Lieut. Buzzell, E.T.M.R.; 2nd, S.M. Breton, 7th Hussars.

Finals, Tug of War—7th Hussars vs. 13th S.L.D.—Won by 13th S.L.D., after a hard strenuous pull—two of the team collapsed at the moment of victory.

Points were given, as follows, for the “Drinkwater” Cup:—The other rank obtaining the highest number of points. Points to count 3, 2, 1, for first, second and third places, and three points each for men on winning teams.

S.S.M. L. Breton, 7th Hussars, was announced as victor when the judges had summed up the scores of the various competitors.

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### Programme

1—Selection — Barracks Orchestra.

2—Comic song (I Love Me)—Tpr. Dutton.

3—Song—The Kind of a Girl, that men forget—Cpl. Sargent.

4—Song—Bath Night—Lt. Butler, 17th Hussars.

5—Comic Song — Wedding Bells—L/Cpl. Phillips, R.C.D.

6—Song—“Old Pal”—S.S.M. Dixon, 11th Hrs.

7—Comic Song—“How dare You”—S/Sgt. Ellis, R.C.D.

8—Song—She must be a wonderful girl—Tpr. Jewkes, R.C.D.

### Interval.

9—Selection — Barracks Orchestra.

10—Gallagher & Shean—L/Cpl. Phillips, R.C.D., Tpr. Dutton, R.C.D.

11—Comic Song—Money ‘Gimme Some’—Lt. Butler, 17th Hrs.

12—Recitation — Dangerous Dan Mc.—S.S.M. Dixon, 11th Hrs.

13—Cross Talk — Featuring Alice—S/Sgt. Ellis, R.C.D., Tpr. Jewkes, R.C.D.

Accompanist—Mrs. Swarbrick.

Chairman—S.S.M. C. W. Smith, R.C.D.

Uncle: “I suppose you're your mother's darling? I'm willing to bet she thinks you're about the best boy who ever lived!” Nephew: “No; she thinks I'm a cinema picture. She's always telling me I should be seen and not heard!”

## The Militia Staff Course.

A bloodless war is on in the Richelieu Valley where many a real and death bringing battle was fought in the past by the French, English and American Forces. There will be no casualties in this paper struggle now being conducted as a finale to the Staff Course that certain officers have been receiving since last November.

These officers gathered at St. Johns on July 11th and will remain until July 24th, when the umpires will give their opinion on the plans submitted for dealing with the theoretical campaigns in which the officers have been engaged.

These officers represent all the fighting arms of the service, and from November to April have been attending lectures and studying the theoretical side of their work. They will now attend to problems, that will be submitted to them on the ground. They will be placed in the position of commanders of forces, and, as such, will be asked to indicate their tactics under the pre-supposed conditions placed before them.

The Detail of the Militia Staff Course being held at the Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, Que. is as follows:-

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### Candidates

#### Military District No. 1.

Major C. D. Crowe, M.C., 29th Bty, C.F.A.

Lt. Col. H. C. Dunlop, M.C., The Huron Regiment.

Major W. H. Kippen, D.S.O., M.C., The West Ontario Regiment

Capt. G. Thomas, M.C., M.M., 2nd Machine Gun Brigade.

Attended Staff Course last year:

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Lt. Col. J. N. MacRae, M.C., O.C. H.L.I. of Canada.

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Capt. J. C. Kennedy, M.C., The Halton Rifles.

Attended Staff Course last year:

Lt. Col. R. V. Conover, The Peel and Dufferin Regiment.

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Lt. Col. G. E. Marquis, Le Regi-  
ment de Quebec.

Major J. H. Soucy, Le Regi-  
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ment de Quebec.

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chester and Hants Regiment.

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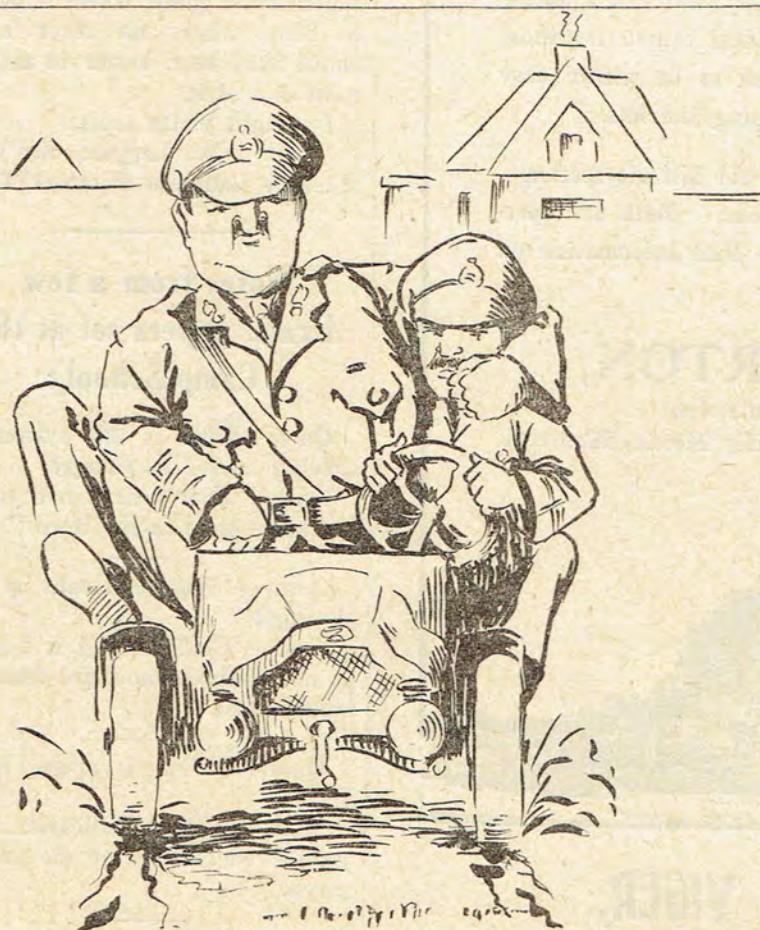
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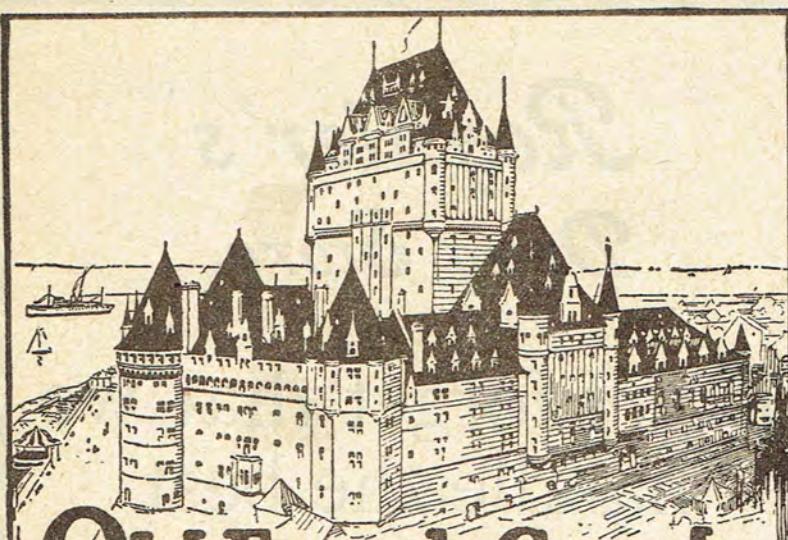
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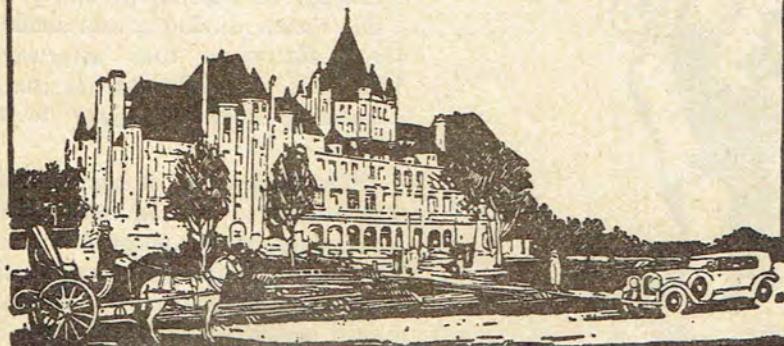
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The Editor, "The Goat":

Dear Sir,—Having enjoyed a copy of "The Goat" and also noticing "contributions invited" I am accepting the invitation, so enclosed please find one of my "ravings" entitled "Packing," which might be of interest to your publication.

Should you consider it merits a place in one of your issues and should like further "Lines From the Mouth of Hell" I shall be pleased to contribute them.

Yours very truly,  
"Bus" Browne,

Formerly of 18th Bty. C.F.A.  
We thank Mr. Browne for his interesting contribution, entitled "Packing," which will be published next month.—The Editor.

The Squadron Football Team is in receipt of the following note of thanks from the Verdun Machine Gunners' Football Team:

Montreal, July 10, 1924.  
Dear Sir,—

We, the Verdun Machine Gunners Football Team and Committee, wish to thank you and all the R.C.D. for the way they treated us when we were down there, also the good sportsmanship in the football game, which ended in a draw, where no other result could have been better to make a good day of it.

I remain yours truly,  
W. Leggatt, Sec'y,  
Machine Gunners Football Team.

### Notes from a few Exam. papers set at the Camp School:

Ques.—What is the system of shoeing horses in Camp?

Ans.—"Last year I had to get my horse shod in the town."

Ques.—"What is meant by cold shoeing?"

Ans.—"Cold shoeing is used so as not to draw moisture from the horse's feet."

Ques.—"What is meant by V.I.?"

Ans.—"Vert. Indication and vertical incline" were the answers given.

Ques.—"What is a Cossack Post?"

Ans.—"It is a post of Russian Cavalry."

Ques.—"What are the advantages of the Heliograph?"

Ans.—"The Helio is one of the cheapest instruments that can be used as you don't have to buy batteries."

Ques.—"You are an advanced point of an Advance Guard. You suddenly come upon a small patrol of the enemy. What would you do?"

Ans.—"I'd never let the old flag fall."

Ques.—"What is strategy? Give an example."

Ans.—"When in battle, and you are out of ammunition, and you don't want the enemy to know it, it is good strategy to keep on firing."

The following incident occurred during the conduct of the Advance Guard Scheme and is a good illustration of the force of imagination required, in carrying out such schemes with "skeleton" forces.

Officer (as he overtakes a trooper trotting ahead)—"What are you supposed to represent?"

Trooper—"I'm a section, sir; but I've just sent forward two scouts—and I'm one of them."

Officer (to sentry over a Cossack Post, in the Outpost scheme)—"What are you?"

Trooper—"I'm sentry over the consequences, sir."

The Instructor was delivering a lecture to the Junior Officers up for examination. He dwelt with much emphasis on the fact that each officer should devote the intervening time to preparing for the final examination. "The examination papers are now in the hands of the typist. Are there any questions to be asked?" Silence prevailed. Suddenly a voice from the rear quietly inquired:—"Who's the typist, Sir?"

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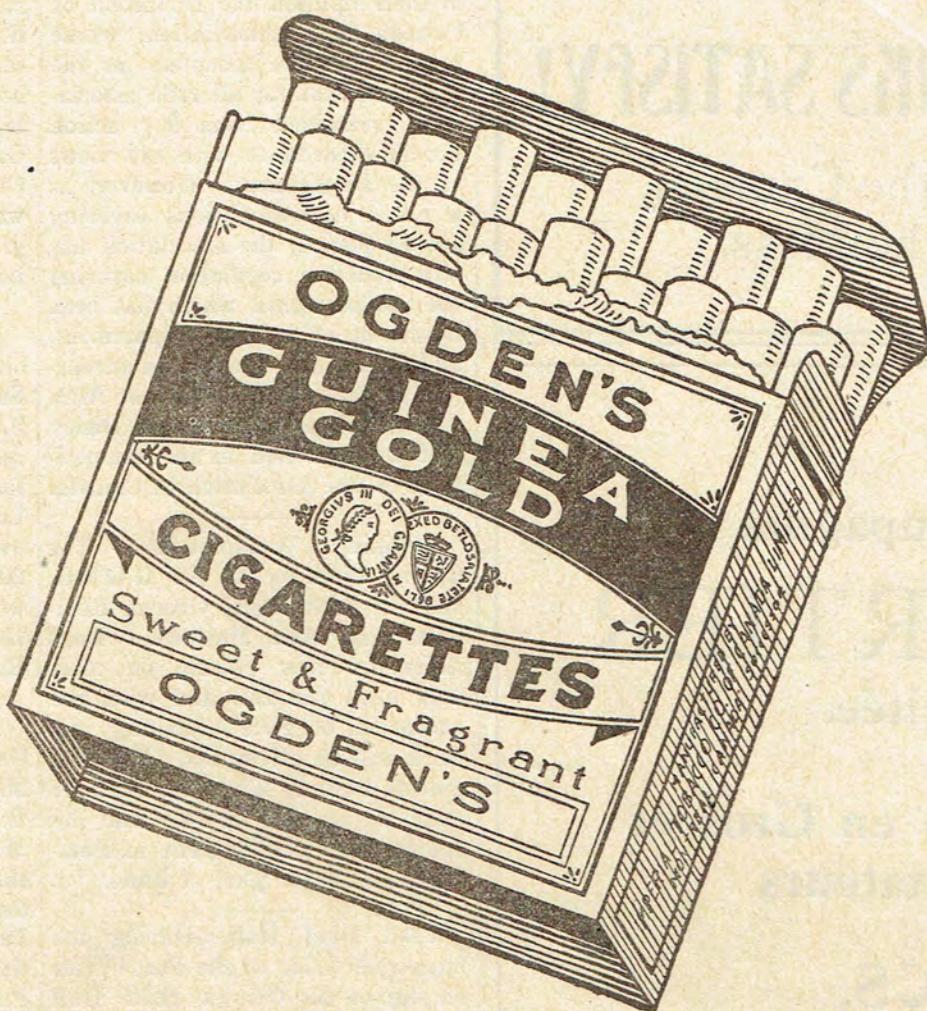
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### Bytown Bits.

Peep Sights Allowed.—Aperture sights are to be permitted in all military rifle shooting competitions in Canada in the future. This announcement was made recently by Colonel Birdwhistle, the Chief Executive of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and will be the best news that military rifle shots have heard since the close of the Great War. Since competitive shooting has been resumed in Canada in 1919 there has been a persistent demand from the riflemen of the Dominion for permission to use the "peep" sight, as against the open sight with which the Service Army of the Country was fitted.

The Department of National Defence was not agreeable to the use of any but the open sight on the S. M. L. E. Rifle, and in deference to their opinion the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, whose regulations are accepted as the final tribunal for all rifle associations, refrained from any action not in accordance with the views of the Department. However, as a result of negotiations covering a long period, the association has now issued a regulation covering the use of sights, which has been approved of by the Department, and by which all sights as authorized for use in the National Rifle Association competitions at Bisley will be permitted in the competitions of the Association in Canada.

Training Completed.—The Spring training of the G.G.F.G. and the 38th Royal Ottawa Regiment has been finished. Both units are now resting on their oars until the fall and with the exception of rifle shooting no work will be attempted. The Engineers went to Kingston for their camp on the 5th of July and the 1st Brigade C.F.A. went to Petawawa the latter part of June.

Used Drill Hall.—During the burlesque strike of the Post Office employees the Ottawa Drill Hall was used as a sorting station for the Toronto mail. The various messes in the hall were not available of entry and the result was that a large number of the members were forced to use the street car lines running north. And there were some hot days in that period too.

Attends Staff Course.—Captain C. E. Steeves, P.L.D.G., is among those who will take the practical part of the Militia Staff Course this month.

What Do You Know.—Recent brigade orders of the 2nd Mounted Brigade show that Regimental Sergt. Major W. Doxey, W.O., P.L.D.G., has been appointed Brigade Sergeant Major. The vacancy in the regiment has been filled by the promotion of Squadron Sergt. Major J. H. Smith, of A. Squadron. The vacancy in A. Squadron has been filled by the promotion of S.Q.M. Sergt. A. Gibbard. All the above have excellent overseas records and R.S. M. Smith served with the Imperial Cavalry for a long period. Sergt. Major Doxey is, of course, too well known to need any comment.

Comes to Ottawa.—Capt. Geo. Parker, R.C.A.S.C., has been transferred to Ottawa, in succession to Capt. Paddy Griffin, who has gone to M.D. 10.

Major Olmsted Honored.—The many friends in and out of the R.C.D., will be pleased to learn that Major Charles Olmsted has been installed as Worshipful Master of Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, G.R.C. in Ontario, A.F. & A.M. Charley has been under the weather but was able to make the grade to the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Toronto.

Provisional School.—Starting on the 16th of June, Major F. Sawers, M.C., R.C.D., and Q.M. S.I. Aisthorpe, M.M., R.C.D., conducted a very successful provisional school for the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. On an average the attendance was over 20 per evening and the course wound up with the nine days the Regiment put in at Connaught Ranges.

Regiments Inspected.—Major General Elmsley, C.B., C.M.G., of M.D. 3 accompanied by Colonel J. R. Munro, commanding the 2nd Mounted Brigade, inspected the three regiments of the brigade during the past month. The 3rd Dragoons were inspected June 26, the 4th Hussars June 27, and the P.L.D.G. July 8th. The 3rd trained at Peterboro and the 4th at Prescott. Both officers expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the work done by the three units.

P.L.D.G. Camp.—The annual training camp of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards was held at Connaught Ranges from the 2nd to the 10th of July. The regiment mustered 146 men and 110 horses and was under command of Lieut. Colonel W. A. Blue, who replaces Lieut. Colonel L. P. Sherwood, who has been

transferred to the staff of the 2nd Mounted Brigade as Brigade Major. Headquarters A. and B. squadrons marched from Ottawa to the Ranges and C. Squadron came down from Pembroke by train. The work done by the regiment was of a varied nature but nothing higher than squadron work was done. The dismounted parades included musketry, map reading and Hotchkiss gunnery. The regiment was fortunate in having three instructors from the P.F., in the persons of Major F. Sawers, M.C., and Q.M.S.I. T. A. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M., from the R.C.D., and Q.M.S.I. Reading from the R.C.C.S. On the evening of the 4th the officers gave a mess dinner at which Col. J. Sutherland Brown, Lieut. Col. H. H. Coghill, Lieut. Col. Matthews, Col. J. R. Munro, commanding the 2nd Mounted Brigade, and the ex-commanding officers of the regiment were the guests. On the afternoon of the 5th regimental sports were held with the regular mounted events including jumping, wrestling, tent pegging and alarm races. The officers entertained at the tea hour and a very large number of people motored out from town to see the show. Whilst the jumping was in progress Lieut. R. K. Slater had the misfortune to get a toss and sustained a fracture of the right wrist. Church parade was held on Sunday and was conducted by Major the Rev. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, D.S.O., chaplain of the regiment.

On the 8th the regiment was inspected by Major General J. H. Elmsley, C.B., C.M.G. He was attended by Colonel J. R. Muro. General Elmsley was very lavish in his praise and was extremely well satisfied with the work that was put on for his benefit. On the 9th Major General J. H. MacBrien and Major General H. A. Panet visited the camp and watched the men at their work. During the evenings baseball matches were played by inter-squadron teams and also teams from the Officers' and Sergeants' messes. The messing was well carried out and was done by a local caterer who has the contract for the Canadian Small Arms School. The forage was of good quality and there was plenty of it. The regiment less C. Squadron marched back to the city on the afternoon of the 10th inst. The Pembroke squadron entrained early in the morning and arrived during the course of the day.

Various competitions to decide regimental championships, field manoeuvres, drills and firing at

the ranges with Hotchkiss guns were among the principal activities in camp. The 1924 badges for the three best individual shots were won by the following leading squadron marksmen, Lance-Corporal R. B. Meredith, "A" Squadron; Trooper J. Nesbitt, "B" Squadron, and Sergeant T. A. Supple, "C" Squadron. The competition for the best squadron drill and manoeuvres was won by "B" Squadron with "C" Squadron second and "A" Squadron third.

The competition for the best troop in the regiment for manoeuvres and drill resulted as follows: 1, 1st troop of "A" Squadron, under Lieut. H. Gill; 2, 1st troop of "C" Squadron, under Lieut. M. D. Williams; 3, 1st troop of "B" Squadron, under Lieut. J. D. Code. The cash prize and Birks' Cup for the best section was won by "B" Squadron composed of Troopers N. Scharfe, A. Guymonat, E. McGirr and G. Turner.

"B" Squadron captured the Courtenay Challenge Shield for the best kept equipment. Second place went to "C" Squadron, and third place to "A" Squadron.

Four officers, Capt. H. N. Bate, Lieut. H. R. T. Gill, Lieut. J. D. Code and Lieut. M. D. Williams, competed for the Merritt Challenge Cup. This competition is open to one team of four men from each of the cavalry regiments at camps of instruction. The cup is awarded after a compilation of the results from the various regiments have been received. Lt.-Col. W. K. Walker, camp commandant; Major R. Sawers, M.C., and Capt. M. H. A. Drury were the judges.

The signal section of the P.L. D.G. held its annual classification under the direction of Capt. H. T. May, of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. As far as known, all the signallers were successful in passing the tests, which included examination, visual telegraphy, lamp and flag signalling. Sixteen men qualified for the classification. The signallers were under Lieut. J. W. York, assisted by Company Sergeant-Major Instructor L. Reading.

**Small Arms School Opens.**—The first course of the Canadian Small Arms School opened at Connaught Ranges on the morning of the 7th instant. The commandant is Lieut. Col. W. K. Walker, D.S.O., and he is assisted by Capt. "Pop" Edwards as Adjutant and Capt. H. P. E. Phillips, R.C.R. as Quartermaster. The instructional staff officers are Captain K. C. Burness, M.C.,

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#### DISASTROUS FIRE AT ST. JOHNS.

On Saturday evening, about 6.15 p.m. a fire, which started in the Champlain Cafe, on Champlain Street, threatened for a time, to destroy the block bounded by the Market, Champlain, St. James and Jacques Cartier Sts.

When the alarm was sent in only two men were in the station, Chief Turgeon turned out with a hose wagon and shortly after the balance of the brigade arrived on the scene. By this time the fire had taken a firm hold on the inflammable material which was stored in the back yards and the Harbec block was blazing furiously.

Assistance was asked from the Barracks and the Dragoons turned out with their hose and ladder, under the command of the Barracks Fire Chief, Major Stethem. Iberville also sent a hose with a contingent of men and the Singer Factory turned out with their fire fighting apparatus. The disciplined work of the Troops soon had effect; without any confusion the hose was quickly attached to the hydrant, the ladders erected and the water playing on the blaze. Those not needed on the hose, assisted nobly in removing the household goods of the unfortunate ones who were being burnt out, but, in many cases valuable articles had to be left behind, so rapidly did the flames spread. At last fifteen streams of water were played on the blazing pile, strenuous efforts being made to protect the adjoining buildings.

When the fire was at its worst

## Athletics.

### FOOTBALL.

#### R.C.D. vs. No. 4 Coy. Canadian Grenadier Guards.

The rather belated opening of the football season occurred on June 21st, when the above teams met on the Barracks Football field. Throughout the game the Drags. manifested a marked superiority over their opponents. Playing better football and constantly passing the ball from wing to wing, they had the Guards, at times, bewildered. The four goals scored in the first half were a fitting reward for the Drags' untiring efforts and combined play.

During the second half, the effects of the pace set in the opening period were quite apparent; both teams slackening up considerably. The game was a less one-sided affair, however, each team scored twice. Quite a number of spectators witnessed the struggle and hope to see these teams in action again before the end of the season.

Result—Drags. 6, Guards 2.

R.C.D.—Tpr. A. C. Campbell, goal; Cpl. Gilmore, W. Nethercote, full; Tprs. Dawkes, Woods,

and there seemed to be no hope of saving the whole block, Montreal was asked for assistance. Within 45 minutes of the call being sent in, an engine arrived with a crew of six men who quickly got into action. A heavy stream of water was pumped from the Canal and the systematic work of the more experienced fire fighters soon played havoc with the flames. The fire was under control within an hour. A party of the Barracks Fire Brigade remained on duty until 2 a.m., when they were relieved by the City Fire Department.

N., McCleary, halves; Tprs. Lawrence, Rowe, Sgt. Sheehy, Sgt. Harris, Tpr. Steedman, forwards. Referee—Mr. Geo. Ellis.

#### R.C.D. vs. Machine Gunners.

Everyone expected a real good game when the above teams clashed—the Gunners being a Montreal Second Division Team—and our hopes were fully realized; for seldom has St. Johns witnessed such a clean, skilful and stubbornly contested game.

From the kick-off, end to end play resulted, both goal-keepers being called upon to display their wares repeatedly, each responding in a very able manner. Both teams played good football; clean tackling and well-placed passing being the order of the day. The Drags. opened the scoring, Harris netting the ball after a wild scramble in front of the Gunners' goal. The Gunners attacked furiously, striving to equalize, but S.S.M. Smith and "Mickey" Gilmore were equal to all emergencies.

Half-time—Drags. 1, Gunners 0

The second half was almost a replica of the first. Success rewarded the Gunners in the early stages, they equalized as the result of perfect combination, in which the whole forward line shared. Towards the end of the game the Gunners were penalized for an infringement in the penalty area. Cpl. Gilmore took the kick and gave the goalie less chance than the proverbial "Snow-ball."

Final score—Drags. 2, Gunners 1.

R.C.D.—Tpr. A. C. Campbell, goal; S.S.M. Smith, Cpl. Gilmore, full; L/Cpl. Stanyard, Tpr. Woods, N., W. Nethercote, halves; Tprs. Lawrence, McCleary, Sgt. Sheehy, Sgt. Harris, Tpr. Steedman, forwards.

Referee—Mr. Geo. Ellis.

Saturday, July 5th.

#### R.C.D. vs. Verdun Machine Gunners.

The Gunners, winning the toss, took advantage of the prevailing breeze. The early stages of the game found the Gunners in the ascendant, and after some minutes of continued pressure their efforts were rewarded when Campbell just failed to clear a rasping shot. The Drags. then woke up, with a vengeance and had much the better of the play for the remainder of the initial half. Towards the end Harris equalized with a first time drive.

R.C.D. 1, Gunners 1.

Playing with the wind behind them, the Drags. had the better of the play in the second half, and took the lead when Woods scored from a scramble in front of the "Emma Gee's" goal. Both teams played hard for the remainder of the game and almost in the last minute the Gunners equalized.

R.C.D. 2, Gunners 2.

Tpr. Campbell, goal; Cpl. Gilmore, S.S.M. Smith, backs; L/Cpl. Stanyar, Tpr. Woods, W. Nethercote, halves; Tpr. McCleary, Sgt. Harris, Sgt. Sheehy, Tpr. Dawkes, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, forwards. Referee—Mr. Geo. Ellis.

#### R.C.D. vs. Goodwins.

Never has the Squadron team put up a harder fight or more fully deserved to win than when opposed by Goodwins on July 12. Fielding a sadly weakened team, and opposed by a much more skilful one, the Drags. made good their deficiencies by sheer hard work and aggressiveness. Goodwins obtained the first goal and from then on were completely out of the picture; Harries equalized the score and shortly afterwards Sheehy put the Drags in the lead. During the second half, with the

exception of one or two breakaways, the visitors were penned in their own half and had the home forwards been a shade less eager, the winning margin would have been considerably larger. Dawkes, who played centre half, during the second period, put up a splendid game, as also did McKerrol and "Bobby" Bilton, who were both appearing on the team for the first time. In fact the whole team is deserving of the greatest praise.

Result—Draggs. 2, Goodwins 1. Tpr. Campbell, goal; Cpl. Gilmore, W. Neithereot, backs; Tpr. Bilton, L/Cpl. Stanyar, Tpr. Dawkes, halves; Tpr. McKerrol, Sgt. Harris, Sgt. Sheehy, Tprs. McCleary, Lawrence, forwards.

Referee—Mr. Geo. Ellis.

#### BASEBALL.

Wednesday evening, June 25th, the Drags. and Harts played to a goodly gathering of fans, three of whom were not very goodly, in the opinion of the hard working treasurer, since he winnowed three bad quarters out of the collection that is taken up every evening to help defray expenses. It's a pretty cheap skate that will deliberately pawn off on the boys playing in the Twilight league, spurious coins that he would not have the nerve to attempt doing anywhere else.

However, to the game. Harts were the home team for the evening and treated the Drags to a shut out in their initial effort, while they gathered in one run. The Drags drew another zero in the second and likewise in their turn zero-ed the Harts, and both teams repeated the zero in the third. In the fourth the Harts got round for one more while the Drags still clung to the round number. In the fifth the soldiers took their aerial trip, as per, and the Harts pounded round for six before the balloon was safely anchored. The sixth was a knot hole for both teams both playing real good ball. In the seventh Phil tried a slow ball on Barry and the latter leaned heavily on it driving in a run as well as making the first home run of the season himself. Final score, Drags 2, Harts 8.

After holding the fiery Vacs to a tie up to the sixth innings, the Drags, on Wednesday evening, July 2nd, dropped the game in the seventh when their centre field, handicapped by a sore leg which he annexed in a slide to third in the previous innings, just missed reaching a fly by inches, letting in two runs and before the soldiers could recover their equil-

ibrium Al. Fletcher's vacuums had dusted round the diamond for six runs, making the final score ten to four.

Penny pitched the whole seven innings and was good all through. Mercier has joined up with the civilians and leaves the Drags. with only one pitcher. Vandy was an absentee from the Vacs and Harold Fletcher filled in at short.

#### Dragoons vs. Singers.

The Drags. spread it on thick and then rubbed it into the Singers on Wednesday night, July 9th, getting their first win of the season by the healthy score of 12 to 4. Even good old "Heavy" made the earth tremble as he gambolled round for a couple of runs and it was a toss up who was the most surprised, the fans or "Heavy."

Starting off the first two innings were zeros, then in the third the Drags. got 2 while the Singers got 1. The 4th saw all kinds of ball displayed by the Singers, while the Drags. kept hustling round the diamond until they had piled up six, and the Singers, even though they got three men on with one down, failed to connect with Penny and got a zero.

The fifth yielded four more for the Drags. and the Singers drew three. This finished the scoring on either side. Paul Potvin dropped the mask and pads, and held the Drags to zeros in the sixth and seventh, as did Penny to the Singers and the fans went home wondering how it all happened.

#### CRICKET.

In the first Test Match—England vs. South Africa at Birmingham, England scored 438 runs in the 1st innings, while South Africa were out for 30 runs. A. E. R. Gilligan and Tate bowled for England. Never before in a Test Match has a side been got rid of for 30 runs, though in 1902, queerly enough, at Birmingham too, the Australians were all out in 36.

Gilligan's bowling feat is, of course, unapproached—one could almost add unapproachable—in a Test Match: 6 overs and 3 balls, 4 maidens, 7 runs, 6 wickets. No self respecting story writer would have dared to make his hero do a thing like that. There is a limit to the credulity even of a devourer of fiction. Tate's analysis — 4 wickets for 12 runs, reads quite tame in the circumstances. There seems to be no possible explanation of this batting collapse. It was sheer bad batting on a good wicket.

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#### RACE TRACKS RAISE FUND FOR OLYMPIAN RIDERS.

(Extract from The Army & Navy Journal.)

Word was received by the Remount Service, Quartermaster Corps, on June 9, that the Westchester Racing Association, New York, had set aside ten per cent. of the gross gate receipts for Suburban Day in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the benefit of the Army Olympic riding team. Maj. August Belmont, O.R.C., is president of this association.

Patrons of Belmont Park have subscribed \$6,386 to be applied for the same purpose. This total has been turned over to the committee which was appointed to raise funds to defray the expenses of sending the Army riding team to the equestrian games, eighth Olympiade at Paris, and the eighth international horse show at Olympia, London.

The American Remount Association, which is co-operating with the Quartermaster Corps in the horse breeding program, has been informed by Major Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, that a percentage of one day's gross gate receipts at the Aqueduct, Empire and Saratoga Springs, I'll be an officer too."

N.Y., race tracks, will be set aside and given to the association's general fund. Aqueduct officials have already made it known that ten per cent. of one day's receipts had been turned over to the general fund.

The personnel of the Army riding team at the Olympic games consists of the following: Majors C. P. George, F.A.; John A. Barry, Cav.; Sloan Doak, Cav.; and E. W. Taulbee, Cav.; Captains William T. Bauskett, Cav.; V. L. Padgett, Cav.; 1st Lts. F. L. Carr, Cav.; P. M. Robinett, Cav.; Captain J. M. Underwood, V.C., and 1st Lt. F. L. Bontecou, Cav., Reserve Corps.

Those printed in black were competitors at Royal Winter Fair Horse Show at Toronto last year.

A young man presented himself at a recruiting office and told the sergeant in charge, "Pete" Merrix, he wished to enlist. Sgt. Merrix surveyed him critically, "But you're too small," he objected. "I'm not so small as that man over there," answered the youth, pointing at "Donnie." "But," said the Sergeant, "he is an officer." "Well," replied the applicant, "I'm not pertickler, I'll be an officer too."

## POLO

International Tournament for Winnipeg Third Week in August—Teams Coming From Fort Snelling, St. Paul, and Minneapolis to Meet Manitobans in Series of Matches.

The thrilling sport of polo will be the next to take the centre field of interest in Winnipeg, with the International tournament to be staged in this city, August 18 to 23. There is to be a five-game series for the Sifton International cup, with the St. Charles Country Club's "A" team as challengers, and the United States army "A" team, of Fort Snelling, present holders of the cup, as defenders. In addition to these games there will be match play down between at least four other teams for the Junior Northwestern trophy.

The Minneapolis Polo Club's team, who played here in the first International tournament in 1922, and again at Fort Snelling in the same event last year, will be here, as will also the newly organized Saint Paul Polo Club team, the Officers' team from Tuxedo, rep-

resenting Headquarters staff officers of Military District No. 10, the St. Charles Country Club "B" team, and the Lord Strathcona's Horse Regimental team.

No sport in the world could claim a better home for itself than polo for western Canada, and the remarkable growth of interest in the game which has been manifested locally since its revival after the war, indicates that polo may soon bid fair to take places as our most characteristic and interesting summer avocation. The western plains, western air, western prowess in horsemanship, the military traditions of our western men, all lend themselves naturally to supremacy in this most thrilling of all thrilling games of skill, speed, stamina and courage. More than all that, Western Canada is the country where most of the polo ponies come from, and may be destined to be the future breeding and training ground for the champion polo horses of the world. In the opinion of horsemen and players who have studied this feature of the fascination and many-sided sport, what Kentucky has done for the thoroughbred, the prairies can do for the polo pony.

With this background to start

sands of people in Winnipeg and throughout the west, who have hitherto known little and cared less for polo, are now betaking themselves regularly to the training fields at Tuxedo and St. Charles, and following with breathless interest the matches and practice work of our teams.

This year, indeed, and for the first time in western Canada, the polo tournament promises to be an attraction for Winnipeg's thousands, drawing its audiences just as the races, the horse show, or the play-down for the Allan cup in our winter polo, hockey.

Did you know that the game of hockey, played as only Canada's sons can play it, on their silvered sheets of ice, is directly derived from the ancient game of polo? Well, it is. No less an authority than the Encyclopaedia Britannica, in the opening sentence of its vivid and authoritative treatise on the game (and which is commended to every reader between now and the opening of the tournament) has this to say:

"Polo (Tibetan pulu, ball), the most ancient of games with stick and ball. Hockey, the Irish national game of hurling (and pos-

sibly golf and cricket) are derived from polo. The latter was called hockey or hurling on horseback in England and Ireland, respectively, but historically hockey or hurling are polo on foot."

To the Canadian who has never had an opportunity to studiously watch a polo match, this simile is about as accurate in description as any that can be given: Item; think of hockey, the final moments of play of an evenly contested championship game. Think of the rushes, the checking, the speed, the lightning-like shot of puck from stick through combination to goal. Think of the keyed-up excitement of players, audience, bulletin board and waiting city! Item: think of the horse races, the home stretch and the yelling thousands, the thud of hoofs, gleaming sweat drenched bodies, heaving loins, outthrust nostrils, equine hearts bursting to win! Now think, if you can, of a team of champion hockey players who are also champion buck riders of the plains, of stout hearted thoroughbreds trained to the game, as keen as any player and quicker even in thought and action; put the players atop the horses, turn them into a field only

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a few times larger than a hockey sheet; equip them with sticks and puck and then let them do their stuff! That's polo!

And all Winnipeg can see it this year, if they will. For this year's polo tournament, unless present plans fail, will be played on a convenient enclosure before a big grandstand, where everyone will be able to see every inch of the field all the time, and looking down, may follow instinctively the finer points of play, the strategy of the game.

Polo is not only the progenitor of our hockey; it is so like it in theory that the differences are merely hoofs instead of skates and mallets instead of sticks, with just those changes that the doubling of players' responsibilities brings. In hockey the player's eyes and nerves and instinct serve to tell himself what to do, and his skill carries out the impulse; in polo the player must tell himself, then tell his horse, then both must do it, and all instantaneously.

Is it any wonder that the British and Canadian military regulations prescribe polo as a part of a cavalryman's training? From the standpoint of the army officer polo is not simply a game—it is a vital professional asset.

The earliest records of polo are Persian and date back at least 2,000 years. It is described in Chinese records dating back to 600 A.D. In their game the goal was formed by two posts with a net between, in the form of a bag. The side which hit the ball (or light wood) into the bag were winners of the goal. How different is that from the hockey net?

The game also took root in ancient India, and has survived there without a break until the present. It was not until 1870 that polo was first played in England under modern rules, being brought over by English regimental teams who had played in India. Six years after the sport was first tried out in Great Britain it was brought to America, the first playing on this side of the water having been sponsored by James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald. About the same time the beginning of the game came in Canada.

It developed slowly but surely in all these three countries until 1914, when the game suffered a total eclipse for the good and sufficient reason that all the polo players and all the polo ponies were engaged elsewhere in the work for which their play had rendered them expert.

Polo was played during the war, but it was unofficial. One

of the senior officers of the Canadian force, and an old polo enthusiast, tells this story. It appeared that two cavalry regiments were at one time ordered back of the lines in France for recuperation, remounting and rest. There were polo players among both the Canadian and the Imperial detachment which were billeted as neighbors. But military regulations intervened to prevent the use of any of the regimental mounts to settle the friendly dispute. However, one enthusiast bethought himself of a veterinary officer who was equally enthusiastic, with the result that all the horses in both detachments were ordered on parade the next day for veterinary inspection. The inspection included the process of leading every horse past the polo sticks, and each one that displayed the tell tale evidence of "form" became an invalid forthwith, and given a prescription of "light exercise." The polo game was played the next day. The sick horses were all duly reported as cured by their "light exercise," and tales of that game are still recounted around the barrack rooms of two continents and the islands.

Polo was reorganized in Winnipeg in 1920 and '21. In 1923 the first international match between Fort Snelling and the St. Charles team was organized and played at St. Charles, the Winnipeg team winning the trophy. Last year the same team, playing at Fort Snelling, lost the cup to the United States army officers, but the St. Charles "B" team saved the day by capturing the Junior trophy over all contenders. This year the southerners are coming back to defend the cup, and bringing additional new polo blood with them.

The game is also reviving in western Canada. Calgary now has two teams at play, there is play at Cochrane, the once famous polo squad at Regina, and a team described as of exceptional ability has been organized at Shaunavon, Sask., under the tutelage of Major Greenley. Some of these teams may possibly be seen in Winnipeg next month.

Following is the roster of the playing squad of the St. Charles Polo club: W. A. Smith, F. K. Wilson, F. F. Montague, J. W. Sifton, P. J. Montague, Ralph Moore, C. N. Bawlf, E. Bawlf, J. L. Crossin, Geoffrey Griffin, Charles Tupper, Clifford Harrgrave, T. A. Burrows, Major Hugh Niven. The club also numbers Messrs. H. F. Osler, honorary president; I. M. Winslow, honorary vice-president; H. B. Shaw, pre-

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#### A DESCRIPTION OF ST. JOHNS 57 YEARS AGO.

This thriving place, by Act of the Parliament, passed in 1858, became an incorporated town. Its location is healthy and pleasant, and particularly advantageous to the prosecution of business. Situated on the west shore of the Richelieu River, at the head of the Champlain Canal, and at the foot of the navigable waters of Lake Champlain, directly connected by important railway lines with Montreal, the Eastern Townships and the United States, and having unsurpassed mail and telegraphic communication, it presents commercial advantages equalled by few other places of its size in the Province. It is the

chef lieu of the District of Iberville. Two sessions of the Court of Queen's Bench, holding criminal jurisdiction, four sessions of the Superior, and four of the Circuit Court are annually held, presided over by Mr. Justice Sicotte, of St. Hyacinthe. It is also a military post of considerable importance, and has pleasant and commodious barracks on the riverside, to the south of the town, at present occupied by a detachment of the Royal Canadian Rifles, under command of Lt.-Col. Hibbard. During the Fenian excitement of June, 1866, St. Johns was the rendez-vous of a large military force of every branch of the service, regular and volunteer. It have five local volunteer corps, is the headquarters of the Richelieu Light Infantry Battalion, and is also the headquarters of Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, Brigade Major of the 2nd Military District. This Military District includes the counties of St. Johns, Huntingdon, Beauharnois, Napierville, Chateauguay, Vercheres, Missisquoi, Brome, Shefford, Iberville and Laprairie. It is the terminus of the Montreal and Vermont Junction, and the Stanstead, Shefford and Champlain Railroads,

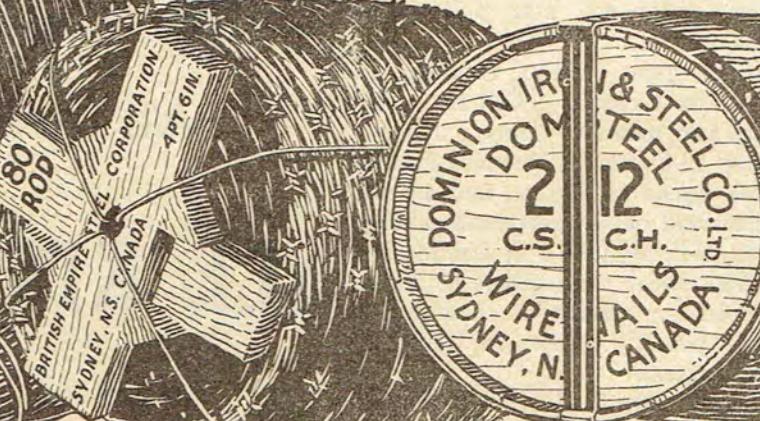
and the principal station on the Montreal and Champlain line (the first railway built in Canada) now under the management of the Grand Trunk Company. A great deal of forwarding business, both by boat and cars, is annually done here. The Provincial Lunatic Asylum of Lower Canada, Henry Howard, M.D., Medical Superintendent, is at present located in the town. This institution has accommodation for 84 patients—42 male and the same number of female—and is always full. The barracks were originally intended for the asylum, and were fitted up for that purpose; but, during the Trent excitement, the property was required for military purposes, and the old Court House was temporarily fitted up for lunatics. There are three Churches in the place—the largest in size, the new and spacious Roman Catholic structure; the others, the Church of England and the Wesleyan Methodist. There is a large Nunnery, and a Roman Catholic School, an English High School, Male and Female depts., the District School, etc. Market open daily, and is generally well supplied with fresh meat, fish, vegetables, grain, fruit,

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A man by the name of Evans, died, and went to heaven. When he arrived at the Pearly Gates he said to St. Peter. "Well, I am here." St. Peter asked his name. "John Evans," was the reply. St. Peter looked through the Book and shook his head. "I am sure I belong here," said the man. "Wait a minute," said St. Peter; he looked again and in the back of the Book found the name. "Sir," said the Guardian of the Gates, "you belong here, but you were not expected for twenty years, who's your Doctor?"

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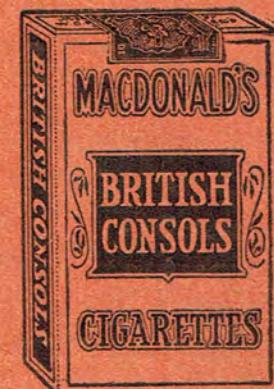


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